

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* Survey of Reference Materials for Forensic Science.

*Agency Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden:* 567 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 2.8 hours per laboratory.

*Needs and Uses:* The NIST Office of Law Enforcement Standards' (OLES) mission is to develop standards and perform scientific and engineering research in response to the needs of the criminal justice community. The NIST/OLES Survey of Reference Materials for Forensic Science will identify the current status of, and need for, standard reference materials and standard reference collections within all public crime laboratories in the United States. The information will be used to determine what standard reference

materials and collections are needed to expand investigative capabilities of laboratories and to improve their efficiency.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government and the federal government.

*Frequency:* One-time only.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327 (internet address is LEngel@doc.gov), 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 10-99]

**Foreign-Trade Subzone 149A—Freeport, TX, Request for Extension of Board Order Condition, BASF Corporation (Caprolactam Extract, Cyclohexanone)**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by BASF Corporation, operator of FTZ 149A, requesting an extension (to December 31, 2003) of Condition No. 2 of Board Order 732, which authorizes the election of nonprivileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.42) for caprolactam extract and cyclohexanone admitted to Subzone 149A at the BASF chemical products manufacturing facilities in Freeport, Texas. It was formally filed on March 17, 1999.

Subzone 149A was approved by the Board in 1995 with authority to manufacture polycaprolactam (nylon-6; HTSUS 3908.10.0000) and its related chemical precursors, caprolactam extract and cyclohexanone under FTZ procedures up to a combined level of 45 million kilograms annually (Board Order 732, 60 FR 15903, 3-28-95), subject to the following conditions: (1)

privileged foreign status (19 CFR § 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that nonprivileged foreign (NPF) status may be elected for foreign caprolactam extract (HTSUS 2933.71.0000; 2.3¢/kg+9%) and cyclohexanone (2914.22.1000; 1.4¢/kg+9.7%); and, (2) the authority with regard to the NPF option is initially granted until December 31, 1999, subject to extension.

FTZ procedures exempt BASF from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. On its domestic sales, the NPF option enables BASF to choose the finished polycaprolactam (nylon-6) duty rate (6.3%) for the foreign inputs noted above. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures will continue to help improve the facilities' international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 26, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 9, 1999).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the following location: Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002.

Dated: March 17, 1999.

**Dennis Puccinelli,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

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**Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Romania; Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.